

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Unnamed Tributary Impoundment Improvements (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TEH-25223-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on an unnamed ephemeral tributary to Black Butte Lake at T23N/R05W section 32, and unnamed tributaries to Jewett Creek at T24N/R04W section 14 and T24N/R04W section 13 in Tehama County; Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, Sehorn Creek and Henleyville U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangles.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SHA-25223-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Stephen Soske.

On May 18, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board performed a site inspection of water storage facilities owned by the Permittee in Tehama County. On June 16, 2021, the Division of Water Rights issued a letter detailing findings of noncompliance resulting from the inspections which requires reduction in storage capacity of storage reservoirs located on tributaries to Black Butte Lake and Jewett Creek. The proposed Projects consist of construction intended to modify the capacity and improve infrastructure associated with existing water storage impoundments.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Stephen Soske

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301**, Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination.

Reasons why project is exempt: This project consists of the continued operation and maintenance of existing facilities and involves no expansion of use.

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